

REMARKS

This is a divisional application of the pending parent application, Serial No. 09/667,274 filed September 22, 2000. This divisional application is filed during the pendency of the parent application. By this preliminary amendment, applicant has canceled claims 1-17 filed in the parent application and has added new claims 25-45. Accordingly, claims 18-45 remain in the present Rule 1.53(b) divisional application. Consideration and examination of pending claims 18-45 are respectfully requested.

A true and correct copy of the parent application, including the specification, drawings and claims, as originally filed, is enclosed. Also enclosed is a true and correct copy of the combined declaration and power of attorney as filed in the parent application. Please direct all correspondence and communications to the undersigned attorneys of record.

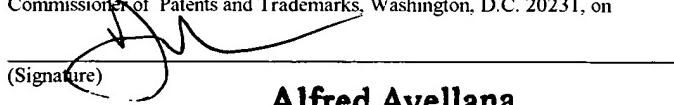
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